

House Study Bill 544 - Introduced

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
VETERANS AFFAIRS BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON ALONS)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to persons who qualify for a veterans driver's
2 license.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.189, subsection 8, Code 2014, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 8. *Veterans status.*

4 a. A licensee who is ~~an honorably discharged~~ a veteran of
5 the armed forces of the United States may request that the
6 license be marked to reflect the licensee's veteran status.
7 Upon such a request, the word "VETERAN" shall be marked
8 prominently on the face of the license. Such a license shall
9 be issued only upon receipt of satisfactory proof of veteran
10 status pursuant to procedures established by the department in
11 consultation with the department of veterans affairs.
12 b. For purposes of this subsection, "*veteran*" means a former
13 member of the armed forces of the United States, a former
14 member of the reserve forces of the United States, or a former
15 member of the national guard forces of this state or another
16 state, whether or not the member served on federal active
17 duty. However, "*veteran*" does not include a former member
18 of such forces who was discharged under other than honorable
19 conditions.

20 EXPLANATION

21 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
22 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

23 Currently, a person who is a veteran of the armed forces of
24 the United States may request that veteran status be marked on
25 the person's driver's license. This bill defines "veteran",
26 for purposes of the driver's license privilege, to include a
27 former member of the armed forces of the United States, the
28 reserve forces of the United States, or the national guard
29 forces of this state or another state, whether or not the
30 member served on active federal duty, and provided the veteran
31 has not been discharged under other than honorable conditions.